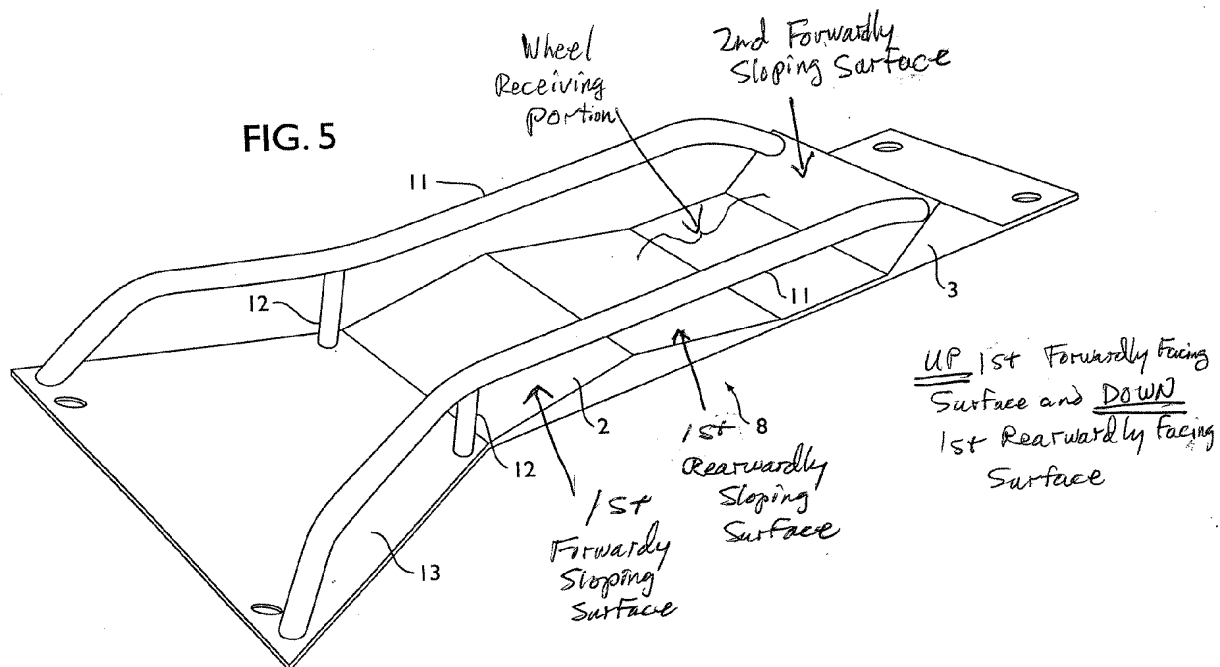


REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 13-17 under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph has been addressed by amending claims 13, 16, and 17 to positively recite a first forwardly sloping surface, a first rearwardly sloping surface, and a second forwardly sloping surface, with the wheel receiving portion being *between* the first rearwardly sloping surface and the second forwardly sloping surface, and the claims further reciting that the wheeled equipment is pushed UP the first forwardly sloping surface and DOWN the second forwardly sloping surface, as in the following illustration:



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It is respectfully submitted that the correlation between the surfaces is now clear and the recitations are supported by the original disclosure. However, if the Examiner feels that further clarification is necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

Having thus overcome the sole remaining rejection, and in view of the indicated allowability of claims 13-17, withdrawal of the rejection and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested..

Respectfully submitted,

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